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## CATTLE ON FEED

### COLORADO

The number of cattle and calves on feed for the slaughter market in Colorado feedlots with a capacity of 1,000 head or larger was estimated at 940,000 head as of March 1, 2010. The latest inventory was 2 percent below last month's inventory and 10 percent below March 1, 2009 inventory. Cattle feeders with 1,000 head or larger capacity marketed an estimated 175,000 head of fed cattle during February 2010. This was 3 percent above the previous month's marketings and 6 percent above marketings one year earlier. An estimated 160,000 cattle and calves were placed on feed during February, up 23 percent from January 2010 placements but down 16 percent from a year ago. Of the number placed in February, 9 percent weighed less than 600 pounds, 22 percent weighed from 600 to 699 pounds, 31 percent weighed from 700 to 799 pounds, and 38 percent weighed 800 pounds and greater. Other disappearance for March, at 5,000 head, was no change from last year, but 5,000 head less than last month.

### UNITED STATES

Cattle and calves on feed for slaughter market in the United States for feedlots with capacity of 1,000 or more head totaled 10.9 million head on March 1, 2010. The inventory was 3 percent below March 1, 2009. Placements in feedlots during February totaled 1.67 million, 1 percent below 2009. Net placements were 1.60 million head. During February, placements of cattle and calves weighing less than 600 pounds were 320,000, 600-699 pounds were 365,000, 700-799 pounds were 520,000, and 800 pounds and greater were 460,000. Marketings of fed cattle during February totaled 1.72 million, 2 percent above 2009. Other disappearance totaled 68,000 during February, 21 percent above 2009.

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